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SUBJECT: MRS. BONGO'S VISIT

1. AF/C INFORMED TODAY FAA HAS RECEIVED LANDING REQUEST FOR JFK AIRPORT FOR DC-8, UTA OPERATED ARRIVING MARCH 26 AT 1705 CARRYING MRS. JOSEPHINE BONGO AND 19 OTHER PASSENGERS.

2. ASSUME MRS. BONGO AND CHILDREN MAKING ANNUAL VISIT TO DISNEYLAND, BUT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY INQUIRING EXACT NATURE AND LENGTH OF HER ITINERARY. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO KNOW WHETHER HOTEL RESERVATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE AS MUCH INFORMATION ON PENDING VISIT EMBASSY MAY BE ABLE TO OBTAIN, PARTICULARLY REGARDING NUMBER AND TYPE OF WEAPONS HER BODYGUARDS MAY BE CARRYING AND WHETHER WASHINGTON, D.C. INCLUDED IN HER ITINERARY. WISH TO AVOID ANY OF THE PROBLEMS WHICH ACCOMPANIED MRS. BONGO'S NOVEMBER 1973 VISIT. INGERSOLL

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